## UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-1708

KENNETH RINGO,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

NORMAN Y. MINETA, Secretary, United States Department of Transportation (Federal Aviation Administration), in his official capacity and his officer, agents and successors,

Defendant - Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at Alexandria. Leonie M. Brinkema, District Judge. (CA-01-1243-A)

Submitted: November 20, 2002 Decided: December 3, 2002

Before NIEMEYER, WILLIAMS, and KING, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Kenneth Ringo, Appellant Pro Se. Rachel Celia Ballow, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Alexandria, Virginia, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit. See Local Rule 36(c).

## PER CURIAM:

Kenneth Ringo appeals the district court's order granting summary judgment in favor of Appellee denying his claims under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C.A. §§ 2000e to 2000e-17 (West 1994 & Supp. 2002). We affirm.

We review an award of summary judgment de novo. <u>Higgins v.</u> <u>E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co.</u>, 863 F.2d 1162, 1167 (4th Cir. 1988). Summary judgment is appropriate only if there are no genuine issues of material fact and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c); <u>Celotex Corp. v. Catrett</u>, 477 U.S. 317, 322-23 (1986). The evidence is viewed in the light most favorable to the non-moving party. <u>Anderson v. Liberty Lobby</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, 477 U.S. 242, 255 (1986).

With these standards in mind, we affirm on the reasoning of the district court, stated from the bench following a full hearing. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

**AFFIRMED**